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Application No. 10/090,956

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Examiner: Ann McCamey

"CONNECTOR HAVING SIGNAL  
CONTACTS AND GROUND CONTACTS IN  
A SPECIFIC ARRANGEMENT"

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In response to the final Office Action of December 3, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.